



25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
*SEPTEMBER 19, 2021*  
*IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH*  
*LOWELL, MA*

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Catherine Fiorino, School Principal

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## Sacraments

**Baptism** – On an individual basis by appointment.  
Please contact the Rectory Office.

**Reconciliation** – By appointment

**Matrimony** – Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance.

**Ministry to the Sick** – Please inform the Staff about anyone confined in your home or in a Nursing Home. Communion is brought regularly to the homebound.



**Bulletin Deadline: Friday at Noon**

## Parish Meetings

**St. Vincent de Paul:** 7:00 p.m. Monday in rectory

**Adult Choir:** 2:00 p.m. Tuesday in church

**Religious Education:** Sundays, bi-monthly from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon

## Mass Schedule

### Weekends:

Saturday 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MISSION STATEMENT

We at Immaculate Conception Church are a welcoming community of faith that strives to carry out the mission of Jesus by journeying in faith, sharing in joy, and living in hope. Come join us.

### Adoration and Holy Hour

First Wednesday of each month 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:00 p.m.

Rosary 6:00 p.m. followed by Benediction and Mass

### Parish Membership

All new families are welcome to the parish and are encouraged to become actively involved. New parishioners should register at the Rectory as soon as possible.



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### 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### SCHOOL FACULTY 2021-2022

Director	Rev. Nicholas Sannella
Principal	Miss Catherine Fiorino
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Pre-K 4 yr. old	Mrs. Cynthia Hanley
Kindergarten	Miss Pam Marquis
	Mrs. Amanda Chretien
Grade 1	Miss Amy Donovan
	Ms. Katie Brownlie
Grade 2	Mrs. Kathleen Lawton
Grade 3	Mrs. Kelly Farias
	Mrs. Patti Dalimonte
Grade 4	Mrs. Sue Normandin
	Miss Emily Caplice
Grade 5	Miss Laura Plona
	Miss Christie Mercuri
Grade 6	Mrs. Leeann Plona
Grade 7	Mrs. Teri Buckley
Grade 8	Miss Heather Chiros
	Mrs. Jennifer Gray
Art	Mrs. Noelle Crowley
Computer	Ms. Linnea Brown
Music PK-8	Ms. Irene Lavallee
Physical Education	TBD
Reading Support/Title I	Mrs. Vina Troianello
Spanish Gr. 6-8	Mrs. Judith Papp
Family Liaison and	
Admissions Coordinator	Mrs. Melissa Shemchuk
School Nurse	Lisa Silva
After School Program	Miss Pam Marquis
Co-Athletic Directors	Miss Catherine Fiorino
	Mr. Wayne Taylor
Pre-Kindergarten 3 yr. old aide	Mrs. Betty A. Canney
Pre- K 4yr. old Aide	Mrs. Elizabeth Dinsmore
Teacher's Aide	Sister Charlene Favreau. CSJ
Office Help	Mrs. Jean Ryan
Recess	Karli Kotfila
	Kristi Mietzner
	Ann Marie Dalton,
	April Poirier

"Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me."

This statement from Jesus is actually very similar to the famous passage from Matthew's Gospel where he says, "Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me" (25:40).

But in Matthew, this idea of serving Jesus by serving others is applied to more dramatic cases: the hungry and thirsty, the sick and imprisoned, the naked and the stranger.

Isn't it interesting to note that caring for children can also be a way of experiencing Christ's presence among us?

For many people, "receiving" a child is part of their daily routine. Those of us who are parents obviously welcome children into our families and continue to serve them throughout their lives.

Grandparents, siblings, other relatives, foster parents, and sometimes neighbors and friends also make room in their homes and their hearts to welcome the children God has placed in their circle.

Teachers, physicians, therapists, and others who work with children on a professional level are also in the "business" of receiving children.

How wonderful to think that all of this normal activity can offer us the opportunity to encounter Christ!

Because dealing with children can become routine, or at times even be filled with challenges and frustrations, we might need to pause to remind ourselves about the blessings that they bring.

Certainly their joy and innocence is a gift in itself, but in today's Gospel we are reminded that their presence brings more than that.

When we serve children in a spirit of generosity, when we "receive" them as they are— with all that entails—we are in turn receiving Jesus ... who first came to us as a child

*Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*



**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH**  
**MASSES**

**Saturdays – 4 PM**

**Sundays - 8 AM and 10 AM**

**Next week: Saturday – September 25, 2021**

**4 AM Ronald & Gail Polubinski**  
**50<sup>th</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

**James J. Mullin, 28<sup>th</sup> Ann.**

**Ruth McKenzie, birthday**

**Sunday -- September 26, 2021**

**8 AM Anne C. White**

**10 AM Margaret “Peggy” Farley, 10<sup>th</sup> Ann.**  
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**WEEKLY COLLECTIONS**

**August 28-29, 2021**

**Weekly Collection: \$5,254.00**

**Building Fund: \$1,536.00**

**September 4-5**

**Weekly Collection: \$4,681.00**

**Building Fund: \$2,414.00**

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**PENNSYLVANIA AMISH-**  
**LANDS TOUR**  
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**Father John Hogan,**  
**of St. William's, will host a**  
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**For Tour Group information, please call Father**  
**Hogan at 978-851-7331.**

**Because of the popularity of this tour, please register**  
**by October 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**The tour cost will include motor coach**  
**transportation from St. William's in Tewksbury on**  
**November 8<sup>th</sup>.**

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## **CORI TIME 2022** **CORI FORM**

to be completed by all volunteers

MA State law mandates that any person 17 years of age and older, who serves as a volunteer in any parish ministry, must complete a CORI form (Criminal Offense Record Info.).

This form requires verification of identity with a photo document

(e.g. MA Driver's License or passport)

There are no exceptions to this requirement.

The CORI form is available at the Rectory Office

Monday-Thurs. 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM  
beginning 8/16 to 9/30, 2018.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society members

need to speak to

Mr. Peter Richards

to arrange to fill the Cori form

Know that we are truly grateful that you are willing to serve our parish community as a volunteer.

This is our way of showing you that we are committed to protect all our parishioners and all who visit with us...especially the children and the elderly.

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### **BEREAVEMENT GROUP**

### **THE HOPE AND HEALING ADULT GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP**

**LAST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH-10:30 a.m.-  
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All are welcome to a safe place to share your story, find comfort, hope and encouragement, as you continue a new path in life.  
Registration is not required

## **Immaculate Conception Religious Education Calendar 2021-2022**

**Sundays listed below from  
9:00 am to 11:00 am**

**Immaculate Conception School**

**SEPTEMBER**

**26<sup>th</sup> First Class**



**OCTOBER:**

**03, 17, and 31**



**NOVEMBER:**

**14 and 21**



**DECEMBER:**

**12**



**JANUARY 2022**

**09 and 23**



**FEBRUARY:**

**06 and 13**



**MARCH:**

**06 and 20**



**APRIL:**

**03**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY–September 18, 2021**

**4 pm LaBelle, Dumont, Campbell Families**

**SUNDAY September 19, 2021**

**8 am David Goodrich**

**10 am Frances A. Keegan  
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Keegan**

**Clinton E. Barter, 14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL  
OUR ARMED FORCES**

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A1C Emily McPhillips Air Force  
Master Sgt. Nicholas Owens USAF MacDill AF

**NATIONAL GUARD**

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**OCTOBER 4, 2021**

**St. Mary's Mission in Lancaster, PA  
will return to pick up Religious Items.  
If a loved one has passed away, you wish  
To support this Mission work, bring  
your statues, rosaries, medals, crucifixes,  
Nativity scenes and other items, but  
NO BOOKS or PRAYER CARDS.**



**THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH**

**(CONTINUATION FROM LAST WEEK'S  
REFLECTION)**

Such appreciation unfolds slowly after much study and reflection. It does not become evident at once in a single glance.

Even today many Catholics are inclined to think that St. Joseph is a wonderful saint, but he was not the real father of Jesus, so we honor him as protector of Mary. With that passing comment, such persons promptly forget St. Joseph and relegate him to the background.

Actually this opinion was the common outlook in the first thirteen centuries of Christianity. Church history shows that St. Joseph was the victim of benign neglect in the lives of our saints and Fathers and Doctors of the Church. St. Augustine and some other thinkers wrote of St. Joseph, but his mention is sparse. The tide turned slowly in the next five hundred years and we find simple beginning of a solid devotion to St. Joseph.

The theology of his vocation, dignity, holiness and intercession began to flower only in medieval times, and the seventeenth century was the golden age. The enthusiasm of St. Teresa of Avila for St. Joseph was remarkable, vividly expressed in her writings, and perpetrated in the twelve new convents given St. Joseph's name.

**(To be continued next week.)**



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